(d) The amounts allocated and expenditure on these measures in the last five years under the Central and State Sector for Assam are as under:—

Rs. in crore.

Year	Central Sector		State Sector	
	Allocation of Fund Central Loan Assistance+ Grant in Aid	Expenditure	Allocation of fund State Plan	Expenditure
1995-96	25.00	25.00	23.76	21.11*
1996-97	10.09	10.09	19.92	18.11*
1997-98	18.00	18.00	19.92	19.90**
1998-99	18.00	18.00	20.27	20.27**
1999-2000	15.00	15.00	27.57	

*Actual

**Anticipated

(e) Some of the important recommendations of the Brahmaputra Board for parmanent solution of the flood problem in Assam are as under:

(i) Construction of Storage reservoir in the upper catchments of the tributaries of Brahmaputra river.

(ii) Watershed Management and soil conservation to reduce silt flow in different rivers.

(iii) Flood Plain Zoning; and

(iv) River training works.

Rain water harvesting system

4708. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to steep decline in ground water in various parts

of the country, particularly in the metropolitan cities, Government are seriously contemplating a move to make it mandatory for big Government and private buildings and apartments to install rain water harvesting systems;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend any help to those who will install such systems; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to maintain the level of groundwater in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes Sir. With a view to promoting roof top rain water harvesting, the Ministry of Water Resources has proposed to the Ministry of Urban Development to consider enactment of suitable legislation for provision of roof top rain water harvesting for buildings in NCT of Delhi and other cities by the concerned organisation.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

(c) The steps taken by the Union Government to increase the ground water level in the country include:

(i) Constitution of Central Ground Water Authority under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation and control of ground water management and development.

(ii) Circulation of a Model Bill to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.

(iii) Circulation of Manual on artificial recharge of ground water to the States/Union Territories to enable them to formulate area specific artificial recharge schemes to check the declining trend in ground water levels.

(iv) Implementation of a Central Sector Scheme on studies in artificial recharge of ground water in some 'over-exploited' and 'Dark' blocks of the country.

Allocation of funds for irrigation projects

4709. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: